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**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01556-TSC**

BUZZFEED INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/29/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/29/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5564099) filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zsb) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Lynn Schafer on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS served on 7/16/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 7/16/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General

		07/16/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/16/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/15/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
08/10/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by April Denise Seabrook on behalf of All Defendants (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
08/13/2018	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Scott Leeson Sroka on behalf of All Defendants (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/13/2018	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>11</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Defendants shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint by September 17, 2018. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/13/18. (DJS) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/14/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 9/17/2018. (tb) (Entered: 08/14/2018)
09/17/2018	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 09/17/2018)
10/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues and that contains a proposed schedule and proposed order no later than 11/19/18. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/18/18. (DJS) (Entered: 10/18/2018)
10/22/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/19/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/22/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>14</u>	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' Joint Status Report <u>14</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall adhere to the following briefing schedule: Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment due January 16, 2019. Plaintiff's Opposition and combined Cross-Motion due February 19, 2019. Defendants' Reply and combined Opposition due March 5, 2019. Plaintiff's Reply due March 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 11/20/18. (DJS) (Entered: 11/20/2018)
11/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motion due by 2/19/2019. Response to Cross Motion due by 3/5/2019. Reply to Cross Motion due by 3/19/2019. Summary Judgment motions due by 1/16/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 2/19/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/5/2019. (tb) (Entered: 11/20/2018)
01/15/2019	<u>15</u>	MOTION to Stay by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Coles-Huff, Doris) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/16/2019	<u>16</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>16</u> Motion to Stay. This action is hereby STAYED pending further order of the court. When the stay is lifted, defendants will file their

		motion for summary judgment within 30 days thereafter. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 1/18/19. (DJS) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Scott Leeson Sroka on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Fred Haynes (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
02/25/2019	<u>18</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 02/25/2019)
02/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>18</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Deadlines. Defendants' motion for summary judgment due by March 11, 2019. Plaintiff's combined opposition/cross-motion due April 15, 2019. Defendants' combined reply/opposition due April 29, 2019. Plaintiff's reply due by May 13, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 2/26/19. (DJS) (Entered: 02/26/2019)
02/28/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motion due by 4/15/2019. Response to Cross Motions due by 4/29/2019. Reply to Cross Motion due by 5/13/2019. Summary Judgment motion due by 3/11/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/15/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/29/2019. (tb) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
02/28/2019	<u>19</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to BUZZFEED INC.. Attorney Matthew Lynn Schafer terminated. (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
03/08/2019	<u>20</u>	Consent MOTION to Amend/Correct Set/Reset Deadlines, by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Granting Defendants' Motion <u>20</u> to Extend Deadlines. Defendants' motion for summary judgment due April 10, 2019. Plaintiff's combined opposition/cross-motion due May 10, 2019. Defendants' combined reply/opposition due June 14, 2019. Plaintiff's reply due June 28, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 3/14/19. (DJS) (Entered: 03/14/2019)
03/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motion due by 5/10/2019. Response to Cross Motion due by 6/14/2019. Reply to Cross Motion due by 6/28/2019. Summary Judgment motion due by 4/10/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/10/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/14/2019. (tb) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>21</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
04/10/2019	<u>22</u>	MOTION to Amend/Correct Set/Reset Deadlines, by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Defendants' motion <u>22</u> for extension of deadlines is hereby granted. Defendants' motion for summary judgment due by April 20, 2019. Plaintiff's combined opposition/cross-motion due May 20, 2019. Defendants' combined reply/opposition due June 20, 2019. Plaintiff's reply due by July 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 4/12/19. (DJS) (Entered: 04/12/2019)
04/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motion due by 5/20/2019. Response to Cross Motion due by 6/20/2019. Reply to Cross Motion due by 7/8/2019. Summary Judgment motion due by 4/20/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/20/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/20/2019. (tb) (Entered: 04/15/2019)
04/20/2019	<u>23</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Amend/Correct <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) Modified event title on 4/23/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 04/20/2019)
04/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Granting motion to amend deadlines. Defendants' motion for summary judgment due April 30, 2019. Plaintiff's combined opposition/cross-motion due May 30, 2019. Defendants' combined reply/opposition due July 1, 2019. Plaintiff's reply due July 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 4/24/19. (DJS) (Entered: 04/24/2019)

04/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motion due by 5/30/2019. Response to Cross Motion due by 7/1/2019. Reply to Cross Motion due by 7/15/2019. Summary Judgment motion due by 4/30/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/30/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/1/2019. (tb) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
04/30/2019	<u>24</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 04/30/2019)
05/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>24</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Deadlines. Defendants' motion for summary judgment due May 14, 2019. Plaintiff's combined opposition/cross-motion due June 28, 2019. Defendants' combined reply/opposition due July 29, 2019. Plaintiff's reply due August 12, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/2/19. (DJS) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/03/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motion due by 6/28/2019. Response to Cross Motion due by 7/29/2019. Reply to Cross Motion due by 8/12/2019. Summary Judgment motion due by 5/14/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/28/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/29/2019. (tb) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/14/2019	<u>25</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>25</u> Motion for Extension of deadlines. Defendant shall file its dispositive motion no later than May 17, 2019, and all other dates contained in the Court's Minute Order of May 2, 2019, shall remain unchanged. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/15/19. (DJS) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
05/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Dispositive motion due by 5/17/2019. (tb) (Entered: 05/16/2019)
05/17/2019	<u>26</u>	MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
06/28/2019	<u>27</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>26</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
07/29/2019	<u>28</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Amend/Correct Set/Reset Deadlines, Order on Motion for Extension of Time to File, by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
07/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Defendants' Motion to Amend Briefing Schedule <u>28</u> is granted. Defendants' reply brief in support of their motion to dismiss is due July 31, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 7/29/2019. (lctsc3) (Entered: 07/29/2019)